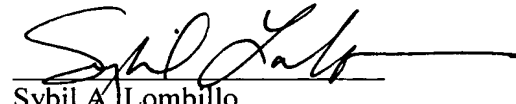


Remarks/Arguments

Claims 1-12 have been amended to replace the phrase "characterized in that" with "wherein," to conform to U.S. practice. Claims 3-7, 9, 10 and 12 have been amended to depend solely on claim 1 thereby eliminating any multiple dependency. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter is introduced by these amendments, and respectfully request entry thereof prior to examination on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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